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## SECOND ENGROSSMENT

Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## **REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1289**

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Representatives Thoreson, Boehning, Grande, Heilman, Kasper, Sanford, Boschee Senators Flakoll, Sorvaag

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the North Dakota university system for veterans
- 2 higher education assistance programs for an Act to provide an appropriation for veterans' higher
- 3 <u>education assistance programs.</u>

## 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$274,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the North Dakota university system for the purpose of supporting programs that provide assistance to veterans enrolled at or in the process of enrolling at a North Dakota higher education institution or an institution located in an adjacent state that has entered into a cooperative course and program exchange agreement with a North Dakota institution, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015. A participating institution must provide matching funds from within its existing budget equal to the funds received under this section for the programs at the institution.

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$325,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the North Dakota university system for the purpose of providing assistance to eligible veterans, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

- 1. An eligible veteran must be:
  - a. Enrolled at or in the process of enrolling at an institution of higher education located in this state; or

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- Enrolled at or in the process of enrolling at an institution of higher education
  located in an adjacent state, provided the institution participates in a course
  exchange agreement with an institution of higher education located in this state.
- 2. The department of veterans' affairs may accept and expend gifts, grants, and donations, for the purpose of providing additional assistance to eligible veterans.